## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

JERRY D. TAYLOR,	)
Petitioner,	)
v.	) Case No. CIV-12-519-R
STATE OF OKLAHOMA,	)
Respondent.	)

## **Report and Recommendation**

Mr. Jerry Taylor seeks habeas relief, and the Court should transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

The Petitioner is challenging a conviction imposed in Atoka County District Court, which is located in the Eastern District of Oklahoma. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 116(b). The Petitioner is incarcerated at the Cimarron Correctional Facility, which is located in the Western District of Oklahoma. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 116(c). Under these circumstances, the Eastern and Western districts have concurrent jurisdiction over the habeas petition. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, this Court enjoys discretion to transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma for hearing and determination. *See id*.

The Court should exercise this discretion and transfer the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma. For a habeas petition which challenges the validity of the conviction, this district and the Eastern District of Oklahoma share the view that adjudication should ordinarily take place in the district where the conviction was obtained. This view is based,

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in part, on the shared belief that ordinarily the records and counsel will be available in the

district where the prosecution took place. Under these circumstances, the undersigned

recommends transfer of the action to the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

The parties are advised of their right to object to this report and recommendation by

May 31, 2012. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d), 72(b)(2). Any such objection

must be filed with the Court Clerk for the United States District Court, Western District of

Oklahoma. Failure to timely object would waive Mr. Taylor's right to challenge the transfer

in a subsequent appeal. See Moore v. United States, 950 F.2d 656, 659 (10th Cir. 1991).

This report and recommendation terminates the referral.

The undersigned directs the Court Clerk to send the report and recommendation to the

Petitioner and the Attorney General of Oklahoma. The copy for the Attorney General of

Oklahoma is for informational purposes only.

Entered this 14th day of May, 2012.

Robert E. Bacharach

United States Magistrate Judge

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